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OKLAHOMA LABOR MARKET

JANUARY 1984
(Dec Data)

OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION
OKLAHOMA STATE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE
WILL ROGERS MEMORIAL OFFICE BUILDING
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA 73105

HIGHLIGHTS

DECEMBER'S JOBLESS RATE DROPS TO 7.6 PERCENT OF THE WORK FORCE, COMPARED TO AN 8.0 PERCENT RATE IN NOVEMBER.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS DROPPED BY 7,000 IN DECEMBER FROM NOVEMBER'S REVISED LEVEL.

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT BASED ON PLACE-OF-RESIDENCE DECLINED BY 3,100 IN DECEMBER, BUT STILL TOPPED LAST YEAR'S TOTAL BY 37,700 WORKERS.

TOTAL WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS INCREASED BY 4,300 IN DECEMBER FROM NOVEMBER.

OKLAHOMA LABOR FORCE*
SUMMARY TABLE

ITEM	NUMBER (In Thousands)			PERCENT CHANGE	ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
	Dec 1983p	Nov 1983r	Dec 1982r	Nov 1983 Dec 1983	Nov 1983 to Dec 1983	Dec 1982 to Dec 1983
Total Labor Force	**1,511.8**	**1,521.9**	**1,458.5**	**-.7**	**-10.1**	**53.3**
Unemployment	115.2	122.2	99.6	-5.7	-7.0	15.6
Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)	*7.6*	*8.0*	*6.8*	*xxx*	*xxx*	*xxx*
Unemployment Rate (Seas. Adj.)	*7.9*	*8.0*	*7.0*	*xxx*	*xxx*	*xxx*
Total Employment	1,396.6	1,399.7	1,358.9	-.2	-3.1	37.7
Agriculture	42.7	46.4	43.1	-8.0	-3.7	-.4
Domestic Service, Self-Employed & Unpaid Family Workers	192.1	194.2	188.0	-1.1	-2.1	4.1
Idled by Labor Disputes	2.5	2.5	.2	0	0	2.3

* *Data relates to the place-of-residence. Workers involved in labor-management disputes are included in employment total. Only unemployment and total employment data are adjusted according to Current Population Survey (CPS) procedures.* p-*Preliminary;* r-*Revised.*

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EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION

Total employment was down statewide during December to 1,396,600 from November's 1,399,700, a modest decline. Nevertheless, unemployment showed significant improvement as 115,200 were in the jobless ranks compared to 122,200 the month before. The percent of the labor force without jobs dropped to 7.6 compared to 8.0 percent in November. In spite of the month-to-month drop in joblessness, some 15,600 more persons were out of work this December than a year ago.

NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT*

in Oklahoma

DECEMBER 1983

ITEM	NUMBER (In Thousands)			PERCENT CHANGE	ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
	Dec 1983 p	Nov 1983 r	Dec 1982 r	Nov 1983 Dec 1983	Nov 1983 to Nov 1983	Dec 1982 to Dec 1983
Total Wage & Salary**	**1,210.8**	**1,206.5**	**1,218.6**	**.4**	**4.3**	**-7.8**
Manufacturing	**173.1**	**172.6**	**170.6**	**.3**	**.5**	**2.5**
Durable Goods	**110.8**	**110.0**	**108.5**	**.7**	**.8**	**2.3**
Lumber & Wood Products	2.9	2.9	3.2	0	0	-.3
Stone, Clay & Glass	10.2	10.2	10.0	0	0	.2
Primary Metal Industries	4.4	4.5	4.0	-2.2	-.1	.4
Fabricated Metal Products	18.1	18.1	20.8	0	0	-2.7
Fab. Structural Metal Products	9.8	9.8	11.8	0	0	-2.0
Machinery, except Electrical	34.3	34.2	34.9	.3	.1	-.6
Oil Field Machinery	10.6	10.6	11.4	0	0	-.8
General Industrial Machinery	5.8	5.9	6.1	-1.7	-.1	-.3
Electric & Electronic Equipment	14.3	13.8	11.6	3.6	.5	2.7
Transportation Equipment	20.0	19.8	16.9	1.0	.2	3.1
Aircraft & Parts	7.8	7.8	8.3	0	0	-.5
Instruments & Related Products	3.1	3.0	3.3	3.3	.1	-.2
Nondurable Goods	**62.3**	**62.6**	**62.1**	**-.5**	**-.3**	**.2**
Food & Kindred Products	14.7	15.1	14.9	-2.6	-.4	-.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	9.6	9.7	9.2	-1.0	-.1	.4
Paper & Allied Products	3.1	3.1	3.3	0	0	-.2
Printing & Publishing	10.9	10.9	10.9	0	0	0
Newspapers & Periodicals	6.0	6.0	6.0	0	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	8.0	8.0	7.9	0	0	.1
Petroleum Refining	7.4	7.3	7.2	1.4	.1	.2
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	11.6	11.5	11.2	.9	.1	.4
Tires & Inner Tubes	7.3	7.1	6.9	2.8	.2	.4
Mining	**78.1**	**77.1**	**93.9**	**1.3**	**1.0**	**-15.8**
Oil & Gas Extraction	75.0	73.9	89.8	1.5	1.1	-14.8
Contract Construction	**48.2**	**49.8**	**53.3**	**-3.2**	**-1.6**	**-5.1**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**67.3**	**67.6**	**70.6**	**-.4**	**-.3**	**-3.3**
Transportation	34.9	35.4	37.3	-1.4	-.5	-2.4
Railroad Transportation	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0	0
Trucking & Warehousing	18.1	18.6	19.9	-2.7	-.5	-1.8
Communications & Public Utilities	32.4	32.2	33.3	.6	.2	-.9
Trade	**307.7**	**302.6**	**305.0**	**1.7**	**5.1**	**2.7**
Wholesale	**80.3**	**79.6**	**80.2**	**.9**	**.7**	**.1**
Retail	**227.4**	**223.0**	**224.8**	**2.0**	**4.4**	**2.6**
General Merchandise Stores	34.6	32.9	33.2	5.2	1.7	1.4
Food Stores	37.6	37.7	38.0	-.3	-.1	-.4
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	25.0	24.7	25.3	1.2	.3	-.3
Apparel & Accessory Stores	17.1	15.7	17.2	8.9	1.4	-.1
Finance-Insurance-Real Estate	**64.0**	**63.9**	**62.7**	**.2**	**.1**	**1.3**
Banking	21.8	21.8	22.3	0	0	-.5
Insurance Carriers	9.1	9.1	9.2	0	0	-.1
Services	**226.5**	**226.9**	**218.3**	**-.2**	**-.4**	**8.2**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	11.0	11.1	10.8	-.9	-.1	.2
Personal Services	10.6	10.6	10.9	0	0	-.3
Health Services	69.7	70.0	69.6	-.4	-.3	.1
Government	**245.9**	**246.0**	**244.2**	**0**	**-.1**	**1.7**
Federal	49.6	49.3	49.4	.6	.3	.2
State & Local	196.3	196.7	194.8	-.2	-.4	1.5

p-*Preliminary;* r-*Revised.*

* *These data were prepared in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics and represent employment on a place-of-work basis. Industries are classified according to the* **Standard Industrial Classification Manual, 1972.**

** *These estimates are adjusted to first quarter 1982 benchmark levels, and include all full and part-time employees of nonagricultural establishments who received pay for the period which includes the 12th of the month. Workers involved in labor-management disputes are excluded.*

NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT RISES

Nonfarm wage and salary employment reached 1,210,800 in December, up 4,300 from the previous month. Most of this increase was largely seasonal in nature with wholesale-retail trade adding 5,100 workers to handle additional business associated with the end-of-the year holiday season. Ten industry divisions which had been severely depressed by the national recession and the sharp downturn in oil and gas activities added workers in December. Specifically, manufacturing employment was up by 500 workers for the month and employment in mining, principally oil and gas extraction, rose by 1,000 over November's total. Finance-insurance-real estate employment also was nominally higher with a gain of 100 jobs.

Four industry divisions, construction, transportation-public utilities, service and government all experienced job reductions in December. Weather conditions in the final month curtailed construction work and caused a 1,600 decline in workers, the largest monthly loss. The transportation-public utilities industry dropped 300, due in large part to a continued weakness in interstate trucking. Government slipped 100 lower as a reduction of 400 jobs in the state and local component more than offset the addition of 300 federal employees.

Despite improvement in nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the November-December period, the current level still remained 7,800 below the total during the final 1982 month. Mining continued to bear the brunt of the decline, dropping 15,800 workers, all but 1,000 of this reduction occurred in the dominant oil and gas extraction component. Construction employment was also hard hit over the past year, off 5,100 jobs, while transportation-public utilities was down 3,300 with the transportation segment accounting for three-fourths of this setback.

Several industries ran counter to the downward trend. Service employment continued to advance, adding 8,200 new jobs over the year, centered in business and educational services. Trade gained 2,700 jobs, with most of the increase concentrated in general merchandise establishments. Factory employment rose 2,500 from a year ago, although this industry still remained 25,200 below the pre-recession level of two years ago. Finance-insurance-real estate and government added 1,300 and 1,700 jobs, respectively, over the past two years.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Hours worked in Oklahoma factories dropped in December to 41.1 from an average of 41.7 during the comparable week in November. Hourly earnings were also down in December to $9.51 or ten cents lower. This resulted in weekly wages of $390.86, off $9.88 from November.

Workers in both durables and nondurables goods plants averaged smaller weekly paychecks. In the hard goods sector, losses in four of the nine industries surveyed showed lower weekly earnings, while three of the five soft goods industries recorded decreases in workers weekly paychecks. The most significant change occurred in the transportation equipment industry where weekly pay was off $87.19 between November and December.

Nonmanufacturing industries surveyed during December all showed weekly earnings increases over November. Construction workers scored the largest numerical gain, adding $17.74 to their weekly paychecks as hourly wage rates rose 20 cents and the workweek was fractionally longer. Oil and gas extraction employees averaged $7.78 more weekly due to a longer workweek and in spite of lower hourly earnings. Retail trade workers, excluding those employed in eating and drinking establishments, also experienced a good weekly gain of $10.94, while smaller increases were noted in public utilities and wholesale trade industries.

Year-ago comparisons indicated weekly paychecks for all manufacturing averaged 9.5 percent more than the comparable 1982 period. Comparative figures in nonfactory industries showed public utility workers earning 11.6 percent more, wholesale trade employees gained 4.8 percent and construction workers were averaging only one percent more than at this same period a year ago. Finally, oil and gas extraction and retail trade industries showed smaller weekly earnings this December.

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT

Insured unemployment in Oklahoma totaled 22,202 during the week ending December 24, 1983. In addition to those persons receiving regular insured benefits, another 9,072 were drawing federal supplemental payments. (Supplemental payments are paid to unemployed persons after regular insured jobless benefits expire.) By comparison, 25,348 persons were receiving regular insured unemployment benefits in November, while 5,925 were drawing federal supplemental payments. These insured totals were unchanged between November and December. Compared to a year ago, regular insured unemployment claimants dropped by 44 percent, reflecting general improvement in the economy during this 12 month span.

COUNTY SUMMARY

Unemployment rates declined in 55 of Oklahoma's counties from November to December of 1983. The statewide December jobless rate as reported in the preceding pages declined from 8.0 percent to 7.6 percent in December. By further comparison, the national jobless rate dipped from 8.0 to 7.9 percent. Most state counties also showed declines for the month, but only ten had jobless rates lower than they registered in December of 1982.

Those counties included Delaware, 9.8 percent in December, down from 10.4 a year earlier; Dewey, 7.1 percent, down from 7.2; Garfield 5.8, down from 6.1; Leflore, 9.7, down from 11.1; Love, 10.2, down from 11.6; McClain, 5.1, down from 5.4; Nowata, 10.5, down from 13.6; Pawnee, 11.0, down from 11.1; Sequoyah, 9.1, down from 11.1; and Washita, 4.8, down 5.2 percent. Conversely, forty-one counties registered unemployment rates in December that were higher than the 8.0 percent rate estimated for the nation.

Unemployment rates declined in Oklahoma's Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA'S). Tulsa's jobless rate slipped to 8.6 percent from 8.9 in November. In the Oklahoma City Metropolitan Area the unemployment rate fell to 5.7 percent in December from November's 6.2 rate. The Enid MSA had 5.8 percent of the labor force unemployed compared to 6.9 percent in November, a significant improvement. Lawton's jobless rate slipped to 6.7 from 7.0 percent during this November-December period. In all of these areas December's unemployment rates were higher than December 1982.

LABOR FORCE DATA

Total Employment and Unemployment

DECEMBER 1983

Area	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
				Current Month	Month Ago	Year Ago
UNITED STATES	102,803,000	8,992,000	111,795,000	8.0	8.1	10.5
OKLAHOMA	1,396,600	115,200	1,511,800	7.6	8.0	6.8
Oklahoma City MSA*	452,000	27,200	479,200	5.7	6.2	4.9
Tulsa MSA**	325,900	30,500	356,400	8.6	8.9	7.5
Lawton MSA***	33,700	2,425	36,125	6.7	7.0	5.4
Enid MSA****	29,400	1,825	31,225	5.8	6.8	6.1
Adair	6,450	670	7,120	9.4	9.6	9.8
Alfalfa	2,990	130	3,120	4.2	4.1	4.3
Atoka	3,830	520	4,350	12.0	12.3	11.1
Beaver	3,240	100	3,340	3.0	3.1	2.4
Beckham	13,690	1,380	15,070	9.2	10.4	7.5
Blaine	5,660	440	6,100	7.2	8.4	6.8
Bryan	12,420	1,260	13,680	9.2	9.6	7.3
Caddo	11,920	1,180	13,100	9.0	9.8	8.6
Canadian	30,600	1,625	32,225	5.0	5.7	5.0
Carter	19,125	1,800	20,925	8.6	9.4	6.9
Cherokee	13,200	1,380	14,580	9.5	9.4	8.3
Choctaw	5,250	870	6,120	14.2	13.7	12.9
Cimarron	1,490	70	1,560	4.5	4.6	2.9
Cleveland	72,150	3,775	75,925	5.0	5.5	4.4
Coal	1,690	360	2,050	17.6	17.1	14.7
Comanche	33,700	2,425	36,125	6.7	7.0	5.4
Cotton	2,380	120	2,500	4.8	5.8	4.6
Craig	6,560	550	7,110	7.7	7.4	7.0
Creek	27,900	3,100	31,000	10.0	10.0	8.0
Custer	15,620	1,090	16,710	6.5	7.2	5.3
Delaware	8,910	970	9,880	9.8	9.1	10.4
Dewey	3,380	260	3,640	7.1	7.8	7.2
Ellis	2,410	220	2,630	8.4	7.3	7.0
Garfield	29,400	1,825	31,225	5.8	6.8	6.1
Garvin	12,170	1,040	13,210	7.9	8.7	7.2
Grady	18,130	1,670	19,800	8.4	9.1	8.1
Grant	2,900	140	3,040	4.6	4.5	4.5
Greer	2,800	220	3,020	7.3	8.5	5.7
Harmon	1,800	110	1,910	5.8	5.1	5.3
Harper	1,770	130	1,900	6.8	7.8	6.4
Haskell	4,680	650	5,330	12.2	12.5	11.8
Hughes	5,290	890	6,180	14.4	15.3	14.2
Jackson	9,990	810	10,800	7.5	7.8	5.4
Jefferson	3,240	340	3,580	9.5	9.5	8.3
Johnston	3,490	340	3,830	8.9	9.0	8.4
Kay	22,575	1,950	24,525	8.0	8.1	7.5
Kingfisher	9,180	470	9,650	4.9	5.2	3.9
Kiowa	5,670	400	6,070	6.6	6.6	6.4

LABOR FORCE DATA

Total Employment and Unemployment

DECEMBER 1983

Area	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
				Current Month	Month Ago	Year Ago
Latimer	2,940	540	3,480	15.5	17.5	15.0
LeFlore	14,740	1,580	16,320	9.7	10.5	11.1
Lincoln	9,440	1,160	10,600	10.9	10.5	9.1
Logan	9,340	980	10,320	9.5	9.8	7.3
Love	2,190	250	2,440	10.2	11.3	11.6
McClain	11,000	590	11,590	5.1	5.8	5.4
McCurtain	13,380	1,620	15,000	10.8	10.9	10.6
McIntosh	5,720	740	6,460	11.5	11.6	9.8
Major	4,490	240	4,730	5.1	5.4	4.8
Marshall	4,110	330	4,440	7.4	7.9	7.2
Mayes	15,250	1,800	17,050	10.6	8.5	8.2
Murray	4,910	560	5,470	10.2	10.8	9.7
Muskogee	25,300	3,500	28,800	12.2	11.1	10.3
Noble	4,920	320	5,240	6.1	6.6	5.7
Nowata	4,970	580	5,550	10.5	10.9	13.6
Okfuskee	3,690	490	4,180	11.7	12.9	9.6
Oklahoma	308,275	19,000	327,275	5.8	6.4	4.9
Okmulgee	11,825	1,875	13,700	13.7	13.8	11.6
Osage	18,600	1,200	19,800	6.1	6.1	5.4
Ottawa	11,950	1,375	13,325	10.3	10.4	10.3
Pawnee	5,660	700	6,360	11.0	11.8	11.1
Payne	29,450	1,625	31,075	5.2	5.5	4.6
Pittsburg	12,275	2,075	14,350	14.5	13.7	11.7
Pontotoc	14,580	1,190	15,770	7.5	7.6	6.8
Pottawatomie	29,925	2,175	32,100	6.8	6.8	5.9
Pushmataha	2,440	510	2,950	17.3	16.6	15.4
Roger Mills	2,800	210	3,010	7.0	7.8	6.3
Rogers	21,950	2,640	24,590	10.7	9.1	8.6
Seminole	10,790	1,260	12,050	10.5	10.4	9.3
Sequoyah	11,140	1,120	12,260	9.1	8.8	11.1
Stephens	20,380	1,820	22,200	8.2	8.3	7.4
Texas	7,780	320	8,100	4.0	4.2	3.4
Tillman	4,150	440	4,590	9.6	10.9	8.8
Tulsa	222,450	20,375	242,825	8.4	9.2	7.5
Wagoner	19,760	1,420	21,180	6.7	6.8	6.1
Washington	25,020	1,270	26,290	4.8	5.4	5.2
Washita	7,720	680	8,400	8.1	9.2	7.7
Woods	5,400	190	5,590	3.4	4.1	3.2
Woodward	18,300	1,210	19,510	6.2	6.9	6.3

Note: Data shown in this table are preliminary figures.
Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

* *Oklahoma City MSA includes Oklahoma, Canadian, Cleveland, McClain and Pottawatomie Counties.*

** *Tulsa MSA includes Tulsa, Creek, Mayes, Osage, Rogers and Wagoner Counties.*

*** *Lawton MSA includes Comanche County only.*

**** *Enid MSA includes Garfield County only.*

HOURS AND EARNINGS
IN SELECTED OKLAHOMA INDUSTRIES
1982 - 1983

YEAR AND MONTH	MANUFACTURING								
	Average Weekly Earnings	Average Weekly Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Earnings	Average Weekly Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Earnings	Average Weekly Hours	Average Hourly Earnings
	MANUFACTURING			DURABLE GOODS			STONE, CLAY & GLASS		
1982									
December	$357.01	39.8	$8.97	$366.28	39.9	$9.18	$403.79	41.8	$9.66
1983									
January	360.10	40.1	8.98	365.20	40.0	9.13	412.68	42.5	9.71
February	356.51	39.7	8.98	364.45	39.7	9.18	381.60	39.3	9.71
March	356.90	39.7	8.99	364.45	39.7	9.18	409.28	41.3	9.91
April	360.59	39.8	9.06	365.48	39.9	9.16	425.29	42.7	9.96
May	361.89	39.9	9.07	372.93	40.1	9.30	405.90	41.0	9.90
June	370.58	40.5	9.15	384.74	40.8	9.43	450.26	43.8	10.28
July	376.18	40.8	9.22	384.48	40.6	9.47	452.57	44.5	10.17
August	364.57	39.8	9.16	369.03	39.3	9.39	436.99	42.8	10.21
September	379.66	41.0	9.26	394.00	41.3	9.54	439.78	43.2	10.18
October	382.54	41.4	9.24	396.03	41.6	9.52	423.30	42.5	9.96
November r	400.74	41.7	9.61	420.89	42.3	9.95	411.01	41.6	9.88
December p	390.86	41.1	9.51	406.70	41.5	9.80	428.00	42.8	10.00
1982	PRIMARY METALS			FABRICATED METALS			FABRICATED STRUCTURAL METALS		
December	$359.07	40.3	$8.91	$362.55	38.9	$9.32	$365.77	39.5	$9.26
1983									
January	357.59	39.6	9.03	350.35	38.5	9.10	360.76	39.6	9.11
February	361.78	39.8	9.09	358.02	39.3	9.11	378.84	41.0	9.24
March	364.57	39.8	9.16	343.93	38.6	8.91	355.11	39.5	8.99
April	374.74	41.0	9.14	340.22	38.4	8.86	346.10	38.8	8.92
May	385.90	42.5	9.08	360.80	40.0	9.02	360.50	40.1	8.99
June	389.48	42.8	9.10	353.73	39.7	8.91	379.45	41.2	9.21
July	389.00	42.7	9.11	364.49	41.0	8.89	384.38	41.6	9.24
August	394.70	41.9	9.42	363.53	40.8	8.91	378.22	41.2	9.18
September	406.35	43.0	9.45	373.68	41.2	9.07	393.90	42.4	9.29
October	410.05	43.3	9.47	369.65	40.8	9.06	390.09	41.9	9.31
November r	403.77	43.0	9.39	394.48	41.7	9.46	436.43	44.9	9.72
December p	419.39	44.1	9.51	382.42	40.9	9.35	399.93	42.5	9.41
1982	MACHINERY EXCEPT ELECTRICAL			OIL FIELD MACHINERY			ELECTRIC & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT		
December	$320.97	39.0	$8.23	$347.70	39.2	$8.87	$403.09	42.7	$9.44
1983									
January	329.51	39.7	8.30	357.80	39.8	8.99	397.11	42.7	9.30
February	329.38	39.4	8.36	359.57	39.6	9.08	394.83	42.5	9.29
March	332.99	39.5	8.43	373.58	40.3	9.27	388.24	42.2	9.20
April	330.91	39.3	8.42	367.32	40.1	9.16	390.15	42.5	9.18
May	335.07	39.7	8.44	372.80	40.0	9.32	391.85	42.5	9.22
June	337.64	40.1	8.42	373.18	39.7	9.40	409.15	43.9	9.32
July	332.21	38.9	8.54	372.09	39.5	9.42	398.68	43.1	9.25
August	327.28	38.1	8.59	377.85	39.9	9.47	416.70	45.0	9.26
September	346.58	40.3	8.60	386.80	40.0	9.67	417.57	44.9	9.30
October	352.46	40.7	8.66	403.51	40.8	9.89	407.25	45.2	9.01
November r	353.68	40.7	8.69	401.76	40.5	9.92	416.60	44.7	9.32
December p	352.46	40.7	8.66	408.87	41.3	9.90	437.03	43.1	10.14
1982	TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT			NONDURABLE GOODS			FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS		
December	$459.60	40.0	$11.49	$340.16	39.6	$8.59	$327.59	41.0	$7.99
1983									
January	448.72	39.5	11.36	350.14	40.2	8.71	353.21	42.3	8.35
February	454.72	39.2	11.60	342.14	39.6	8.64	325.92	41.1	7.93
March	452.37	39.2	11.54	342.54	39.6	8.65	335.58	42.0	7.99
April	441.54	38.8	11.38	351.16	39.5	8.89	334.94	40.5	8.27
May	449.31	38.7	11.61	343.80	39.7	8.66	320.60	43.5	7.37
June	471.64	39.6	11.91	345.20	40.0	8.63	316.83	42.7	7.42
July	463.24	38.7	11.97	361.74	41.2	8.78	323.25	44.1	7.33
August	398.29	34.1	11.68	356.13	40.7	8.75	312.36	41.1	7.60
September	482.00	40.0	12.05	351.42	40.3	8.72	318.24	41.6	7.65
October	502.62	41.3	12.17	357.06	40.9	8.73	311.17	41.6	7.48
November r	604.28	44.4	13.61	365.57	40.8	8.96	335.79	41.0	8.19
December p	517.09	41.5	12.46	360.19	40.2	8.96	319.14	41.5	7.69

See footnotes at end of table.

HOURS AND EARNINGS
IN SELECTED OKLAHOMA INDUSTRIES
1982 - 1983

MANUFACTURING

YEAR AND MONTH	Average Weekly Earnings	Average Weekly Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Earnings	Average Weekly Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Earnings	Average Weekly Hours	Average Hourly Earnings
	APPAREL & OTHER TEXTILES			PRINTING & PUBLISHING			NEWSPAPERS & PERIODICALS		
1982									
December	$176.15	37.8	$4.66	$349.92	40.5	$8.64	$361.20	40.0	$9.03
1983									
January	178.42	37.8	4.72	357.24	39.3	9.09	364.55	38.7	9.42
February	174.38	37.5	4.65	357.01	39.8	8.97	346.14	37.3	9.28
March	175.68	37.7	4.66	348.98	39.3	8.88	356.90	38.5	9.27
April	179.89	37.4	4.81	344.93	38.8	8.89	359.84	38.2	9.42
May	174.74	37.1	4.71	339.34	38.3	8.86	359.98	38.5	9.35
June	177.38	37.5	4.73	353.34	39.0	9.06	368.83	38.5	9.58
July	174.10	37.2	4.68	356.80	39.6	9.01	369.72	39.0	9.48
August	181.54	37.9	4.79	356.69	39.5	9.03	379.29	39.8	9.53
September	175.50	37.5	4.68	352.43	38.9	9.06	365.74	39.2	9.33
October	175.56	38.0	4.62	379.76	40.4	9.40	422.03	42.5	9.93
November r	176.60	37.1	4.76	382.42	40.9	9.35	390.34	40.2	9.71
December p	173.15	36.3	4.77	378.55	40.4	9.37	400.49	40.7	9.84

NONMANUFACTURING

	PETROLEUM REFINING			CONSTRUCTION			OIL & GAS EXTRACTION		
1982									
December	$505.72	40.2	$12.58	$436.73	37.2	$11.74	$448.73	42.9	$10.46
1983									
January	515.53	42.5	12.13	437.16	37.3	11.72	454.40	43.4	10.47
February	506.21	40.4	12.53	423.00	36.0	11.75	442.81	41.5	10.67
March	511.34	39.7	12.88	434.31	36.9	11.77	440.96	42.4	10.40
April	507.85	39.8	12.76	415.35	35.5	11.70	416.30	40.3	10.33
May	524.12	41.4	12.66	409.25	34.8	11.76	425.99	41.0	10.39
June	507.87	40.5	12.54	442.26	37.8	11.70	430.50	42.0	10.25
July	580.11	44.9	12.92	430.07	37.3	11.53	421.26	41.3	10.20
August	526.24	44.0	11.96	425.63	37.6	11.32	414.50	40.4	10.26
September	549.94	45.6	12.06	427.92	36.7	11.66	423.53	41.0	10.33
October	528.80	44.7	11.83	423.98	36.9	11.49	434.25	41.2	10.54
November r	527.24	43.9	12.01	415.04	36.6	11.34	438.24	41.5	10.56
December p	532.44	43.5	12.24	432.78	37.6	11.51	446.02	42.6	10.47

	PUBLIC UTILITIES			WHOLESALE TRADE			RETAIL TRADE*		
1982									
December	$421.83	40.6	$10.39	$350.14	41.0	$8.54	$228.15	36.1	$6.32
1983									
January	421.22	39.7	10.61	345.82	40.4	8.56	225.44	33.9	6.65
February	418.84	39.7	10.55	340.54	40.3	8.45	217.85	34.2	6.37
March	418.18	39.6	10.56	345.87	40.5	8.54	224.55	34.6	6.49
April	415.66	39.7	10.47	353.23	39.6	8.92	213.23	33.9	6.29
May	426.66	39.8	10.72	352.00	40.0	8.80	214.80	33.2	6.47
June	430.92	40.5	10.64	356.17	40.2	8.86	222.26	34.3	6.48
July	432.39	40.6	10.65	358.09	40.1	8.93	226.15	34.9	6.48
August	462.58	40.9	11.31	357.62	40.5	8.83	221.34	34.0	6.51
September	448.13	41.0	10.93	361.09	40.3	8.96	217.12	33.3	6.52
October	449.85	40.6	11.08	364.97	39.8	9.17	215.16	33.0	6.52
November r	468.93	40.6	11.55	366.62	40.2	9.12	215.76	33.4	6.46
December p	470.61	40.5	11.62	367.02	40.6	9.04	226.70	34.4	6.59

Note: Averages are for production or nonsupervisory workers only and cover both full and part-time employees. Overtime hours and pay are included and changes in the amount of overtime may affect these data. There are approximately 125,300 production workers in manufacturing. These data revised to a 1982 benchmark.

Above industries have been classified according to the **Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Manual, 1972.**

*p-Preliminary; r-Revised. *Excludes eating and drinking establishments.*

Source: Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, Research and Planning.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED

OKLAHOMA DECEMBER 1983 *

I. INDUSTRY ATTACHMENT BY SEX, DURATION AND RACE

INDUSTRY	TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT							DURATION BY RACE†											
			Sex		Duration by Weeks			White				Black				Indian			
	Number	Percent Distribution	Male	Female	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over
Total	**22,202**	**100.0**	**6,964**	**15,238**	**8,050**	**9,906**	**4,246**	**19,028**	**6,672**	**8,656**	**3,700**	**1,717**	**549**	**808**	**360**	**602**	**184**	**292**	**126**
Mining	**2,399**	**10.8**	**1,037**	**1,352**	**806**	**1,105**	**478**	**2,279**	**751**	**1,070**	**458**	**45**	**17**	**18**	**10**	**29**	**7**	**14**	**8**
Contract Construction	**4,155**	**18.7**	**1,943**	**2,212**	**1,579**	**1,784**	**792**	**3,715**	**1,419**	**1,602**	**694**	**242**	**62**	**116**	**64**	**114**	**33**	**55**	**26**
Manufacturing, Total	**5,108**	**23.0**	**1,416**	**3,692**	**1,789**	**2,525**	**794**	**4,214**	**1,384**	**2,157**	**673**	**335**	**92**	**190**	**53**	**150**	**48**	**73**	**29**
Food & Kindred Products	351	1.6	94	257	149	140	62	279	120	115	44	33	11	17	5	15	8	4	3
Apparel & Related Products	452	2.0	16	436	217	173	62	301	149	97	55	11	2	8	1	25	8	11	6
Lumber & Wood Products	150	.7	81	69	60	59	31	106	41	48	17	6	1	4	1	10	1	7	2
Printing & Publishing	75	.3	17	58	22	32	21	61	15	28	18	7	2	4	1	3	2	0	1
Refining	357	1.6	112	245	83	198	76	335	77	189	69	10	1	5	4	5	2	2	1
Stone, Clay & Glass	414	1.9	102	312	142	223	49	340	118	183	39	49	12	32	5	12	4	7	1
Primary Metal Products	325	1.5	104	221	116	161	48	270	88	140	42	23	3	16	4	8	2	4	2
Fabricated Metal Products	1,070	4.8	386	684	304	613	153	977	279	555	143	56	15	35	6	16	4	11	1
Machinery, except Electrical	200	.9	81	119	76	98	26	164	62	82	20	14	5	7	2	6	0	5	1
Electrical Machinery	317	1.4	72	245	133	119	65	278	113	110	55	21	7	8	6	7	4	1	2
Transportation Equipment	323	1.5	74	249	71	190	62	278	57	166	55	25	7	16	2	14	3	6	5
All Other Manufacturing	1,074	4.8	277	797	416	519	139	825	265	444	116	80	26	38	16	29	10	15	4
Transportation & Public Utilities	**894**	**4.0**	**316**	**578**	**366**	**393**	**135**	**792**	**318**	**354**	**120**	**75**	**28**	**33**	**14**	**5**	**2**	**2**	**1**
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**3,479**	**15.7**	**713**	**2,766**	**1,110**	**1,594**	**775**	**3,074**	**938**	**1,433**	**703**	**282**	**106**	**120**	**56**	**53**	**16**	**29**	**8**
Finance-Insurance-Real Estate	**524**	**2.4**	**52**	**472**	**167**	**245**	**112**	**452**	**139**	**212**	**101**	**51**	**13**	**29**	**9**	**4**	**0**	**2**	**2**
Services	**4,108**	**18.5**	**865**	**3,243**	**1,407**	**1,757**	**944**	**3,291**	**1,098**	**1,412**	**781**	**563**	**179**	**258**	**126**	**167**	**54**	**77**	**36**
State Government	**263**	**1.2**	**46**	**217**	**101**	**114**	**48**	**218**	**89**	**91**	**38**	**31**	**6**	**17**	**8**	**8**	**2**	**4**	**2**
All Other	**1,282**	**5.8**	**576**	**706**	**725**	**389**	**168**	**993**	**536**	**325**	**132**	**93**	**46**	**27**	**20**	**72**	**22**	**36**	**14**

See footnotes at end of table.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED

OKLAHOMA DECEMBER 1983 *

II. MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL GROUP BY SEX, DURATION AND RACE

MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL GROUP	TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT							DURATION BY RACE†											
			Sex		Duration by Weeks			White				Black				Indian			
	Number	Percent Distribution	Male	Female	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over
Total	**22,202**	**100.0**	**6,964**	**15,238**	**8,050**	**9,906**	**4,246**	**19,028**	**6,672**	**8,656**	**3,700**	**1,717**	**549**	**808**	**360**	**602**	**184**	**292**	**126**
Professional, Technical & Managerial	2,600	11.7	724	1,876	855	1,207	538	2,307	719	1,102	486	149	41	72	36	63	25	25	13
Clerical	3,375	15.2	209	3,166	1,094	1,460	821	2,986	943	1,304	739	253	71	118	64	79	32	33	14
Sales	837	3.8	223	614	288	355	194	779	263	337	179	36	12	13	11	6	0	4	2
Service	2,005	9.0	360	1,645	723	816	466	1,500	522	613	365	387	142	168	77	65	20	25	20
Farming, Fishery, Forestry & Related	261	1.2	97	164	98	112	51	207	78	84	45	22	7	12	3	18	2	13	3
Processing	705	3.2	201	504	296	310	99	571	231	266	74	68	31	30	7	26	9	10	7
Machine Trades	1,808	8.1	653	1,155	731	838	239	1,499	550	741	208	99	35	57	7	43	8	28	7
Bench Work	1,271	5.7	231	1,040	457	570	244	960	350	411	199	94	19	51	24	58	13	29	16
Structural Work	5,105	23.0	2,468	2,637	1,858	2,326	921	4,553	1,657	2,086	810	320	91	151	78	150	49	75	26
Miscellaneous	4,235	19.1	1,798	2,437	1,650	1,912	673	3,666	1,359	1,712	595	289	100	136	53	94	26	50	18

III. AGE AND SEX BY DURATION AND RACE

AGE AND SEX	TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT					DURATION BY RACE†											
			Duration by Weeks			White				Black				Indian			
	Number	Percent Distribution	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over
Total	**22,202**	**100.0**	**8,050**	**9,906**	**4,246**	**19,028**	**6,672**	**8,656**	**3,700**	**1,717**	**549**	**808**	**360**	**602**	**184**	**292**	**126**
Under 22	1,824	8.2	694	750	380	1,577	588	665	324	151	50	61	40	39	13	16	10
22-24	2,721	12.3	998	1,197	526	2,370	858	1,054	458	211	72	92	47	49	9	27	13
25-34	7,721	34.8	2,838	3,420	1,463	6,559	2,329	2,952	1,278	679	226	318	135	217	78	104	35
35-44	4,652	21.0	1,714	2,065	873	3,944	1,368	1,813	763	325	112	146	67	153	57	64	32
45-54	2,782	12.5	1,037	1,188	557	2,387	860	1,043	484	187	55	94	38	70	10	37	23
55 and over	2,502	11.3	769	1,286	447	2,191	669	1,129	393	164	34	97	33	74	17	44	13
Male-Total	**6,964**	**31.4**	**1,662**	**2,861**	**2,441**	**5,952**	**1,303**	**2,513**	**2,136**	**512**	**91**	**225**	**196**	**187**	**24**	**95**	**68**
Under 22	613	2.8	137	261	215	522	99	239	184	48	12	17	19	15	5	4	6
22-24	935	4.2	190	405	340	820	164	362	294	53	3	23	27	24	2	11	11
25-34	2,531	11.4	559	1,090	882	2,174	447	950	777	211	37	101	73	63	10	34	19
35-44	1,396	6.3	346	583	467	1,178	250	520	408	89	19	33	37	43	5	22	16
45-54	835	3.8	233	304	298	701	177	261	263	65	12	29	24	19	1	11	7
55 and over	654	2.9	197	218	239	557	166	181	210	46	8	22	16	23	1	13	9
Female-Total	**15,238**	**68.6**	**6,388**	**7,045**	**1,805**	**13,076**	**5,369**	**6,143**	**1,564**	**1,205**	**458**	**583**	**164**	**415**	**160**	**197**	**58**
Under 22	1,211	5.5	557	489	165	1,055	489	426	140	103	38	44	21	24	8	12	4
22-24	1,786	8.0	808	792	186	1,550	694	692	164	158	69	69	20	25	7	16	2
25-34	5,190	23.4	2,279	2,330	581	4,385	1,882	2,002	501	468	189	217	62	154	68	70	16
35-44	3,256	14.7	1,368	1,482	406	2,766	1,118	1,293	355	236	93	113	30	110	52	42	16
45-54	1,947	8.8	804	884	259	1,686	683	782	221	122	43	65	14	51	9	26	16
55 and over	1,848	8.3	572	1,068	208	1,634	503	948	183	118	26	75	17	51	16	31	4

* *Based on data for week of December 18-24, 1983.*

† *Figures for White, Black and Indian will not add to totals due to other non-white and persons for which information was not available.*

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

1967 = 100

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS				URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS			
ANNUAL AVERAGES AND CHANGES 1979 - 1982*							
Year	Index		Percent Change From Previous Year	Index		Percent Change From Previous Year	
1979	217.4		13.3	217.7		11.5	
1980	246.8		13.5	247.0		13.5	
1981	272.4		10.4	272.3		10.2	
1982	289.1		6.1	288.6		6.0	
MONTH AND YEAR-AGO CHANGES							
Year	Dec Index	Nov Index	% Change Month Ago	% Change Year Ago	Dec Index	Nov Index	% Change Month Ago	% Change Year Ago
1983	303.5	303.1	.1	3.8	301.5	301.4	*	3.3

* Change less than one-tenth of one percent.

COMPARISONS OF UNEMPLOYMENT RATES*

United States and Oklahoma

1980 - 1983

MONTH	1980				1981				1982				1983				MONTH
	RATE UNADJ.		SEAS. ADJ.		RATE UNADJ.		SEAS. ADJ.		RATE UNADJ.		SEAS. ADJ.		RATE UNADJ.		SEAS. ADJ.		
	U.S.	OK	U.S.	OK	U.S.	OK	U.S.	OK	U.S.	OK	U.S.	OK	U.S.	OK	U.S.	OK	
Jan.	6.8	4.3	6.2	3.9	8.2	4.4	7.5	4.1	9.4	4.7	8.6	4.2	11.4	7.9	10.4	7.1	Jan.
Feb.	6.8	4.3	6.2	3.9	8.0	4.0	7.4	3.7	9.6	4.5	8.8	4.3	11.3	8.9	10.4	8.5	Feb.
Mar.	6.6	4.3	6.3	4.4	7.7	3.6	7.3	3.6	9.5	4.4	9.0	4.5	10.8	8.8	10.3	9.1	Mar.
Apr.	6.6	5.0	6.9	5.0	7.0	3.4	7.2	3.4	9.2	4.6	9.3	4.7	10.0	8.3	10.2	8.5	Apr.
May	7.0	5.9	7.6	6.1	7.1	3.3	7.5	3.5	9.1	4.9	9.4	5.1	9.8	8.8	10.1	9.3	May
June	7.8	5.5	7.5	5.0	7.7	3.5	7.4	3.2	9.8	5.5	9.5	5.3	10.2	9.2	10.0	8.9	June
July	7.9	5.4	7.6	5.1	7.3	3.4	7.2	3.2	9.8	6.0	9.8	5.8	9.4	8.8	9.5	8.5	July
Aug.	7.5	5.0	7.6	5.2	7.2	3.1	7.4	3.3	9.6	6.0	9.9	6.2	9.0	8.3	9.5	8.7	Aug.
Sept.	7.1	4.7	7.4	5.1	7.3	3.3	7.6	3.6	9.7	6.5	10.2	6.6	8.8	7.5	9.3	7.7	Sept.
Oct.	7.1	4.6	7.6	5.0	7.5	3.6	8.0	3.8	9.9	6.8	10.5	7.0	8.4	8.1	8.8	8.3	Oct.
Nov.	7.1	4.5	7.5	4.8	7.9	3.8	8.3	4.0	10.4	7.1	10.7	7.1	8.1	8.0	8.4	8.0	Nov.
Dec.	6.9	4.2	7.4	4.5	8.3	3.7	8.6	4.0	10.5	6.8	10.8	7.0	8.0	7.6	8.2	7.9	Dec.
ANNUAL AVERAGE	7.0	4.8	--	--	7.5	3.6	--	--	9.5	5.7	--	--					ANNUAL AVERAGE

* Based on percent of Civilian Labor Force. Seasonally adjusted series for U.S. and Oklahoma are revised.
U.S. unemployment rate based on percent of Civilian Labor Force.

Note: The rates shown for Oklahoma are revised to a 1982 Current Population Survey (CPS) Benchmark, as established by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, Research and Planning.